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# MAXEY Messenger



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## **Important Upcoming Dates**

- Tues., Dec. 8: Band Concert-Multipurpose Room (6:30-7:00p.m.)  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus Concert-Multipurpose Room (7:15-7:45p.m.)
- Tues., Dec. 15: PLC Early Release Day – Dismissal at 2:18p.m.  
NO SCHOOL FOR EXCITE STUDENTS
- Thurs., Dec. 17: Strings Concert-Multipurpose Room (7:00-8:00p.m.)
- Dec. 21-Jan. 1: WINTER BREAK – NO SCHOOL – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Mon., Jan. 11: PTO Executive Committee Meeting-Conference Room (6:00-7:00p.m.)  
PTO General Meeting-Annex (7:00-8:00p.m.)
- Fri., Jan. 15: End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- Mon., Jan. 18: NO SCHOOL – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Tues., Jan. 19: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS – TEACHER WORK DAY
- Tues., Jan. 26: PLC Early Release Day – Dismissal at 2:18p.m.  
NO SCHOOL FOR EXCITE STUDENTS
- Wed., Jan. 27: Report Cards go home with Students
- Thurs., Feb. 4: Parent/Teacher Conferences (3:45-6:45 p.m.)
- Tues., Feb. 9: Parent/Teacher Conferences (3:45-6:45 p.m.)
- Fri., Feb. 12: Classroom Valentine Parties (2:45-3:30 p.m.)
- Mon., Feb. 15: NO SCHOOL FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS – TEACHER PLAN DAY
- Tues., Feb. 23: PLC Early Release Day – Dismissal at 2:18p.m.  
NO SCHOOL FOR EXCITE STUDENTS
- March 22-26: SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Tues., Mar. 30: PLC Early Release Day – Dismissal at 2:18p.m.  
NO SCHOOL FOR EXCITE STUDENTS
- Fri., Apr. 2: NO SCHOOL – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Tues., Apr. 27: PLC Early Release Day – Dismissal at 2:18p.m.  
NO SCHOOL FOR EXCITE STUDENTS
- Fri., Apr. 30: NO SCHOOL FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS – TEACHER PLAN DAY

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band and Chorus Performance – Tuesday, December 8**

The chorus will be having a special rehearsal on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00a.m. to prepare for the Tuesday night concert. There will be no other rehearsals this quarter. Chorus rehearsals will resume in third quarter, date to come later.

On Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade band will perform at 6:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Band students should arrive no later than 6:00 p.m.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade chorus will perform after the 5<sup>th</sup> grade band. There will be some "set up" adjustments, so the chorus performance will begin about 7:15 p.m. Since there are a number of students performing in the band and chorus, all chorus students who are not in band should arrive no later than 6:15 p.m. and meet in the Annex.

Students are requested to "dress up" for the performances. No blue jeans, please.

### **Update on Maxey Concrete Path**

I am pleased to announce that construction work has begun on our new concrete path. This is located on our lower playground and will have ADA access for disabled youth and adults. We are SO thankful to the Maxey PTO for sponsoring and paying their share of \$24,700.00. The intended use of this new path is for physical education, recess and community to enjoy.

### **HELP WANTED**

The PTO has a job opening for a supervisor(s) for the spring after school classes. The position requires someone with demonstrated organizational skills and responsibility to oversee the program while it is active. This is a paid position starting on February 2, 2010 and ending on April 20, 2010. Hours are 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm, Tuesdays through Thursdays (32 days of work). Those interested should e-mail maxeymustangs@gmail.com for an application or with questions.

### **Maxey Student Service Project**

Enclosed in the Student Wednesday Folder is an explanation of a service project developed by one of our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students, My'Kah Knowlin. She has gone to a great amount of planning and organizing to help others in our Lincoln Community and donate proceeds to our school.

### **Kindergarten Lunchroom Volunteers**

We could really use some more help with Kindergarten lunch if any more parents would be willing to volunteer. The sign up sheet is in the office, and the time is 11:05-11:35. At least two volunteers each day would be greatly appreciated!

### **Watch Out for the All-Stars!**

By now you should have received information on spring after school classes - The Maxey All-Stars! We will be offering 13 classes, each running once a week for eight weeks. Registration is from November 30-December 18. Keep in mind that there is a maximum student enrollment for each class offered. It is quite possible that some classes will fill up fast. Therefore, class slots will be filled on a first come basis beginning November 30.

## **Media Center Information**

Kindergarten students will start checking out a second book when they visit the library during this rotation. They will continue to check out a "tub" book with an orange label, and add a "looking" book from elsewhere in the library. Each time they visit for class we will discover new areas or authors! These books do not need to be returned the next day, you can spend the time you need at home to read together and then send back the books.

Thank you for helping your child(ren) locate overdue books and get them back to the library! Right now we have holiday books on display. After our December break we will have new books that were purchased from the book fair on display!

Happy Reading!  
Sheri Christen, Media Specialist

## **2010/2011 Permit Deadline**

The deadline for submitting a special attendance permit for the 2010/2011 school year is January 6, 2010. If you do not live in the attendance area of the school that you wish to attend next year, you will need to submit a permit to the district for approval. If you are already on permit, you do not need to fill out another one unless you move to another residence or will be attending a different school.

## **THE SPIRIT OF GIVING PROGRAM**

The Spirit of Giving program is entering its fifth year and the need is even greater this year. The poor economy has impacted us all, but the economy's impact is greatest on those who are struggling already. Many of these families need our help just to have food during the winter break.

We are asking Maxey families to share their family's Spirit of Giving with families from Hartley and Clinton. We have several suggestions for helping these kids:

1. Sponsor a family by purchasing a gift for each member of the family and buy a holiday meal(s) or grocery gift card for the family.
2. Purchase a gift card to a grocery store such as Super Saver, ALPS, Wal-Mart, or Super Target for a family.
3. The schools can also use socks, underwear, sweat clothes, coats, gloves, and gift cards (especially to shoe stores), which they use to supply emergency clothes for kids that come to school dressed improperly for the weather or in ragged clothes.

Each year the schools have more families that requested help than the Spirit of Giving Program can support. This year we are sure the numbers will be even greater and we need as many Maxey families as possible, individually or in groups, to commit to helping.

If you would like purchase gifts and a meal for a family, we would like to hear from you as soon as possible so that we can contact the school. The school will then contact a family and obtain a wish list from the family. The sooner we can request a wish list, the more time your family will have time to shop and deliver the gifts.

Other donations can be dropped off at the Maxey office and we will divide them between the schools.

Please consider participating in the Spirit of Giving program. It has been a heart warming and positive experience for our family, and is now a Wilken family tradition that our kids look forward to each year.

If you have questions or would like to help you can contact Doug or Jody Wilken at 489-0299 or at Cacey\_Chance@msn.com.

### **Colder Weather is Here...**

Students will be going outside for recess during the colder weather. Students will remain inside when air or wind-chill temperature is below 11 degrees. We use the Holmes Lake Weather Station as our guide. (<http://www.gwwilk.com/>)

Please be reminded to write your children's names on their cold weather clothes items.

### **Best Buy Reward Zone Program for Maxey School**

The Reward Zone Program for Schools is designed to allow you to donate your Reward Zone program points to a participating school of your choice. These schools can then use the Reward Zone reward certificates to purchase technology products for schools. Reward Zone Program for Schools is another means by which you can give back to your community. For all purchases that are donated, 2% is given back in Reward Zone reward certificates to each school.

#### **How Reward Zone® Program for Maxey School Works**

Reward Zone Program for Schools is a test of Best Buy's current Reward Zone program. Reward Zone accounts have been created for schools participating in this test. Reward Zone Program for Schools works in the same way as the Reward Zone Program- for every 250 in points the school's account accrues, they will receive \$5 in reward certificate value. Certificates can then be redeemed by the School for products and services that will help enhance the school environment for future students.

### **Student Medications**

With the cold and flu season upon us, here is a reminder about school health policies for administering medication. All medications need to be sent to the Health Office. School personnel can administer medication to a student with a doctor's written prescription and a signed school medication consent form from the student's parent or guardian. Medication must be brought to school in the prescription container with a label stating the student's name, physician's name and direction for administering the medication. Over the counter medication can be given with a written order from the doctor and school medication consent form from the parent. Over the counter cough drops should be left at the health office with a school medication consent form or a note from the parent. If there are any questions, please call the Maxey Health Office at 436-1153 x2.